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SUBJ: ELIGIBILITY OF KHMER REFUGEES FOR PAROLE INTO U.S.

1. BUS WHICH TOOK ABOUT 90 KHMER AND VIETNAMESE TO UTAPAO CAMP ON AUGUST 6 CONTAINED 29 PERSONS WHO WERE ADJUDGED BY INS OFFICER AND CONSULAR OFFICER THERE TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE INTO U.S. WHEN BUSES WERE READY TO RETURN FROM UTAPAO AUGUST 11 THE PERSONS CONCERNED WERE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CAMP AND GO BACK TO BANGKOK. FAMILY LEADERS (EIGHT) REQUESTED PERMISSION TO LEAVE THEIR FAMILIES AT THE CAMP WHILE THEY CAME TO BANGKOK TO CHECK ON THEIR CASES. THEY ARRIVED THE EVENING OF AUGUST 11 AND HAVE USED THE EMBASSY AS THEIR UNOFFICIAL BASE OF OPERATIONS.

2. ON AUGUST 12 EMBOFF REHEARD EACH CASE AND FOUND THAT TWO FAMILIES (HANG SAMOEUN AND HENG CHAMROEUN) WERE CLEARLY INELIGIBLE. NEITHER FAMILY HEAD HAD WORKED FOR USG OR HAS CLOSE RELATIVES IN U.S.

3. MR. SHEIH CHOA XI, A YOUNG KHMER WITH NINE PERSONS ACCOMPANYING HIM STATED HE HAD BEEN INITIALLY DECLARED ELIGIBLE BECAUSE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH "CHUN YOU HAK AND FRERES," A COMPANY IN PHNOM PENH UNDER CONTRACT TO OICC. HE SHOWED EMBOFF A LETTER FROM FORMER OICC CHIEF IN PHNOM PENH, LT. COMMANDER P.A.
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MORRISON, GIVING HIM PAT ON BACK FOR JOB WELL DONE. SHIEH CHOA

XIN WOULD LIKED TO BE ACCEPTED FOR PAROLE AS FORMER USG EMPLOYEE. PLEASE ADVISE. (COMMENT: WE ARE STILL HAVING TROUBLE DECIDING WHETHER CERTAIN CONTRACT EMPLOYEES MAY BE CONSIDERED AS FORMER USG EMPLOYEES. FOR EXAMPLE, MAY THOSE LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF "ANPAC" IN VEINTIANE, WHO STAYED IN LAOS TO PACK U.S. MISSION OUT AT GREAT PERSONAL RISK TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, BE CONSIDERED FORME USG EMPLOYEES?)

4. MR. SAY YINN, KHMER REFUGEE, CLAIMS TO HAVE BROTHER IN U.S. HE BASES HIS ASSERTION ON STATEMENT MADE BY HIS BROTHER BEFORE THEY LEFT CAMBODIA THAT HE WOULD TRY TO GO TO U.S. SAY YINN IS WILLING TO SIGN AFFIDAVIT SWEARING THAT HIS BROTHER IS IN U.S. AND THEREFORE BELIEVES HE CAN FOLLOW WITH FIVE OTHER BROTHERS IN TOW. REQUEST IATF ASCERTAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER YINN'S BROTHER SAY SUON, AGE 40, IS IN US.

5. SIMILARY, MRS. CHOR KIM AY, AGE 62, CLAIMS TO HAVE A DAUGHTER, CHIN HUNG HUOR, LIVING AT 87-17 ROOSEVELT, NEW YORK, NY 11372. REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT THIS DAUGHTER IS INDEED IN U.S.

6. THREE VIETNAMESE BROTHERS, NGUYEN TIEN THUAN, NGUYEN VAN XOAI, AND NGUYEN NGOC NAM ALONG WITH AN ACCOMPANYING COUSIN, DO THE NAM, CLAIM THEIR BORTHER, NGUYEN LONG, AND SISITER NGUYEN THUY PHUNG, RESPECTIVELY 46 AND 22 YEARS OLD, ARE ALREADY IN U.S. THEY ALSO CLAIM TO HAVE AN AUNT, TRN THI HIEN, LIVING CARE OF J.K. PUCKETT, 11 MOBIL PORT, H4500 N. LINGBERT, BRIDGETOWN, MISSOURI. REQUEST IATF CHECK WHETHER SAID BROTHER AND/OR SISTER ARE IN U.S.

7. ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. IT IS VER POSSIBLE THAT PLIGHT OF THESE PARTICULAR REFUGEES WILL BE PICKED UP BY PRESS WITH POSSIBLE ADVERSE IMPACT ON REFUGEE PROGRAM. WHITEHOUSE

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